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Independence National Historical Park is in the process of writing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the "Security Fence and Screening Facilities" project on Independence Square and Mall, Block 1. So that the public can conveniently comment on this proposal, the EA is posted on the Park's website <http://www.nps.gov/inde/pphtml/documents.html> and on the National Park Service's (NPS) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. Hard copies are also available for your examination and use at the Park Headquarters at the address below.

As directed by the Secretary of the Interior, the project is intended to protect Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, as well as visitors and employees, from terrorist threats. The EA presents a detailed analysis of the government-preferred Alternative B and also of Alternative A (status quo) and C (new screening building on the Square). The EA is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as part of the planning process.

The Park asks for thoughtful evaluation and comment on this project and its efforts to avoid adversely affecting park resources. The public comment period will close August 1, 2006; comments must be postmarked no later than that date. Comments on the EA may be mailed or e-mailed to the address below.

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Reviewers may also enter comments by August 1, 2006, on the NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>.



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